

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 104, line 16, as follows:

Using "5'Amino-Modifier C6 Kit" (trade name, product of Glen Research Corporation, VA, U.S.A.), the phosphate group of thymidyllic acid was modified with an amino linker (protecting group: MMT). Using "Amino-Modifier C2dT Kit" (trade name, product of Glen Research Corporation, VA, U.S.A.), the OH group on the 6-C of the base ring of thymidine was modified with an amino linker (protecting group: TFA). Using those modified thymidyllic acid and thymidine, an oligonucleotide having the following base sequence was synthesized by a DNA synthesizer ("ABI 394") (trade name, manufactured by PerkinElmer Japan Co., Ltd., Japan) . Specifically, it was a deoxyribooligonucleotide having the base sequence of (5')TTTTTTTTCCCCC(3') (SEQ ID NO: 48), the phosphate group on the 5' end was modified with the amino linker (protecting group MMT), and the OiI group on the 6-C of the base ring of the 6<sup>th</sup> thymine from the 5' end was modified with the amino linker (protecting group: TFA). Incidentally, the synthesis of DNA was conducted by the β-cyanoethylphosphoramidat- e method. After the synthesis, elimination of the protecting groups was conducted with 28% aqueous ammonia at 55°C for 5 hours.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 109, line /, as follows:

An oligonucleotide the base sequence of which was (5')GGGGGGAAAAAAA(3') (SEQ ID NO: 1) was synthesized in a similar manner as in the synthesis of the above-described oligonucleotide, and provided as a target nucleic acid to which the present invention is applicable.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 117, line 11, as follows: